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Indoor Meet a Success

Howard Quint Wins. New Yorkers take Relay Race

FULLY one thousand people witnessed the big meet at Convention Hall, Saturday night, held by the colored schools of the District in which much striking athletic ability was manifested. The Alpha Physical Culture Club of Brooklyn, the Wissahickon School Club of Pennsylvania, and Indian Athletic Club of New York City were

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Base Ball at Howard

This will be the most Successful Season in Our History

ACALL for candidates for the base ball squad was announced March 1st and about 40 promising aspirants responded. The men for the first few days were put through hard practice, but on account of bad weather and lack of a gymnasium for indoor work, our men were forced to stop training and go around with sore arms

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A Trophy Case Needed

No Place to Keep the Prizes Won by Howard Athletes

HOWARD athletic teams have won handsome trophies from time to time, but where can we put these? Where have the banners and shield gone that the teams have won? They have been lost, because there was no appropriate place to put them. The Howard basket ball team won a handsome cup last Saturday evening, but where will we put it?

These few incidents have brought to our minds the great need for a trophy case. A case that we could point to with pride and show what our athletes have won. Although this is a small item, it is nevertheless an important one, one that the proper authorities should attend to at once. There are a few cases on the top floor in the Main Building lying idle that could be used for this purpose if they were fixed up and made a little more secure.

Now, suppose we secure one of these cases, where shall we place it? Since we have no gymnasium—we, however, need one badly enough—we recommend that the case be placed temporarily in our library building. This would not be distraction but rather an added attraction. Here, it would be safe. It would be in a conspicuous place; for this is the first place we carry visitors.

We recommend that the Athletic Council consider this small yet important matter at their next meeting and take steps immediately toward securing an appropriate case.

At some schools they provide regular trophy rooms. They should also take steps toward collecting the other trophies won by the Howard Athletic Teams.—C.H.G.

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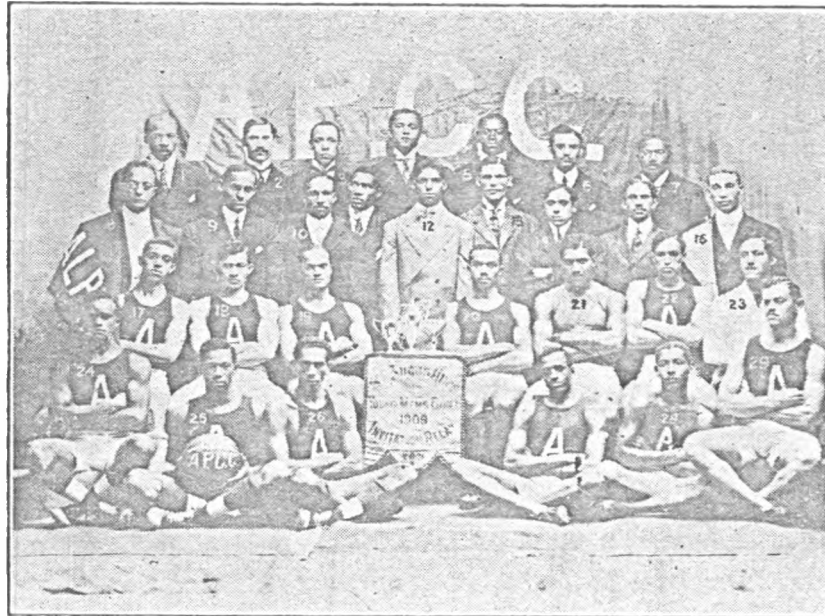
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INDOOR MEET A SUCCESS

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represented. Considering the disadvantages under which the colored athletes in this city work because of lack of facilities for training, their exhibition was phenomenal and will undoubtedly quicken interest in Athletics in this section of the country.

The most conspicuous individual events were 440 yard dashes open and scholastic won by Gow-



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ens and Dismond, the 50 yard dash scholastic won by the fleet-footed Burrell of Armstrong. The public school relays were interesting but the interscholastic relay won by Armstrong and the open relay won from Howard by the Alphas of New York were the features of the evening. Howard led in the first two laps of the relay race but was soon out-distanced and was never able to overtake the lead although "galloping" Dismond, Howard's famous quarter, made up more than two-thirds of a loss of forty yards. The Armstrong four took the interscholastic in an easy manner; and in fact, the Armstrong Athletics showed they were in better form than either Howard or M Street.

HOWARD OUT-POINTS ALPHAS

The basket ball contest excited much interest because of the records of both teams. Neither team has lost but one game although they have met practically all the representative colored teams in the country and Howard has never lost a game at home. The visitors were slated to take Howard's measure but failed to make good. The game was the best exhibition of its kind ever played in this city and doubtless the best match and hardest fought game of the season. The first half was fast and exciting and was led by the home boys all the way. The Alphas displayed better form in the second half but were unable to overtake the lead gained by Howard in the first half. The second half was much slower and was continually broken into with "time outs." The final score was Howard 28, Al-

pha 16. Summaries:

50 yard dash, elementary schools—Won by Ford, Langdon; second, Ellis, Birney; third, Nutt, Garrison. Time 6 1-5 seconds.

50 yard dash, scholastic—Won by Burwell, A. T. H. S.; second, Thomas, A. T. H. S.; third, Dismond, Howard Academy. Time, 5 3-5 seconds.

50 yard dash, open—Won by Curtis, H. V.; second, Coverdale, W. S. C.; third, Williams, unattached. Time 5 4-5 seconds.

Junior school relay race—Eleventh division, won by Mott School; time, 1m. 31 1-5s. Twelfth division, won by Payne School; time, 1m. 27s. Thirteenth division, won by Birney School; time, 1m. 27 3-5s.

Senior school relay race—Tenth

division, won by Miner School; time 1m. 21 3-5s. Eleventh division, won by Cook School; time, 1m. 22 3-5s. Twelfth division, won by Bannaker School; time 1m. 57 2-5s. Thirteenth division, won by Birney school; time 1m. 23 3-5s.

Junior city championship—Won by Mott School (Jackson, Jones, Taylor, and Terry). Time, one minute; twenty-five seconds.

A. T. H. S.; third, Miller, M St. H. S. Time 1m. 1 2-5s.

Basketball game—Howard, 28; Alpha, 16.

Relay race—Won by Armstrong (Rovers, Johnson, Jennifer, Hunt, and Taylor); second, Armstrong freshmen. Time, 4m. 29s.

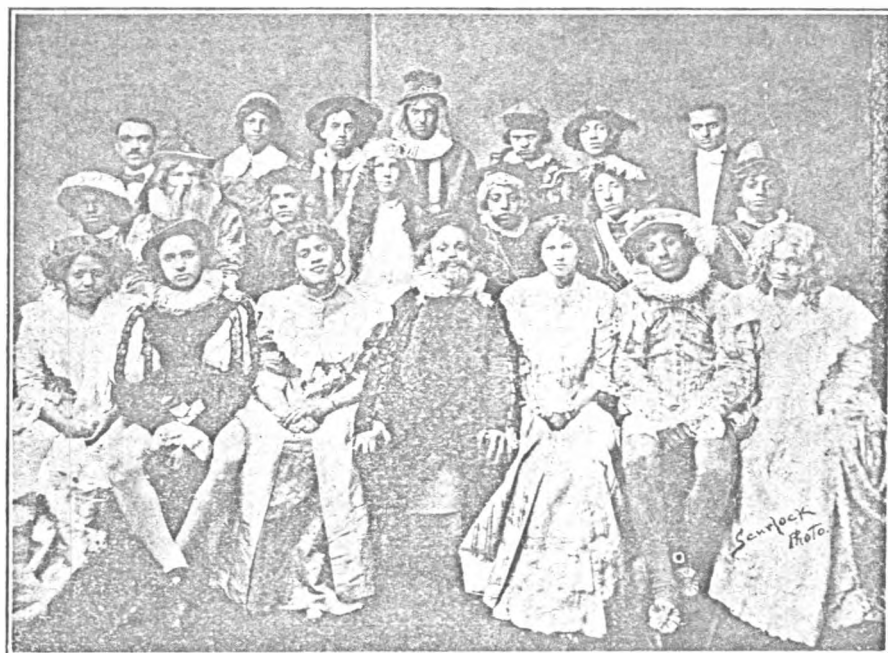
Relay race—Won by Armstrong High School (Burwell, Thomas, Dines, and Walker); second, How-

CAMPUS JOTS

Secretary Marchant of the Y. M. C. A. led the prayer meeting last week.

The Miner Hall "line up" was not represented at the Indoor Meet last Saturday night.

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Senior city championship—Won by Bannaker School (Lacey, Riddick, Sparrow, and Whiting). Time 1m. 21s.

High Jump—Won by George, H. A.; second, Williams, unattached; third, McLendon, unattached. Height 5 feet 7 inches.

One-mile Scholastic—Won by Taylor, A. T. H. S.; second, Quarles, H. A.; third, Walker, A. T. H. S. Time 5m 18s.

440-yards open handicap—Won by Gowens, H. U.; second Williams, unattached; third, Thompson, I. A. C. Time 1m. 1 3-5s.

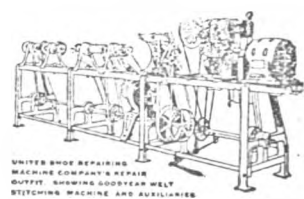
440-yard scholastic—Won by Dismond, H. A.; second, Burwell,

ard Academy. Time 4m. 10 1-5s.

Relay Race—Won by New York Association (Murray, Brown, Harris, and Lee); second, Howard University. Time 3m. 56s.

One-mile handicap—Won by Warp, A. T. H. S.; second, Quarles, H. A. third, Goines, M St. H. S. Time, 6m. 17 2-5s.

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ist will appear in a recital in the Rankin Memorial Chapel.

Sunday, March the 19th at 6 o'clock, Rev. J. Milton Waldron, D. D., will address the Young Peoples' Union. The meeting will be held in Library Hall. Let all be on time please.

President Thirkield visited Cayton, Ohio, last Sunday. In the morning he spoke at the Grace Church, and in the evening, he spoke at the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium in interest of the Colored Y. M. C. A. of that city.

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EDITORIALS

• Conventional Hall is too small for Desmond's four forty run. To him that track was just about the size of the face of a lady's watch. He ran so fast that if there were an arched roof on the Convention Hall he could have made a loop-the-loop with all ease.

• We are making this a special athletic number and for that reason exiguity of space compels us to hold back several excellent contributions that have come to us in the last few days. If you have not subscribed, if you have not paid for your subscription, do so before the next issue.

• We do not cry for a gymnasium, our dear Alumni, merely because our athletes need it, but because the proper development of your sons and daughters demands it. It would be a blessing to our professors, too, if they could turn a somersault in it now and then. They need a little shaking up sometimes.

THE CONVENTION HALL MEET

The big meet in Convention Hall last Saturday night was a grand affair and was conducted in high style. It is the forerunner of similar athletic events that will take place in this city each year. The large crowd in the hall showed the interest the Washington people have in athletics. Our Howard men deserve our heartiest congratulations upon their fine work. Everything being considered our men made the best all round showing in the meet. We are compelled to borrow space in which to do our training, and many of our runners ran indoors for the first time.

The basket-ball team played a professional game as usual, and the Alphas were by no means slow. If we had a "gym" the big schools would have to do a great deal more stretching to hold their record.

Two Much Smoke : Must Be Some Fire

Everybody who speaks in chapel tells us what a battle we may expect to find when we get out in the world. Everybody tells us to use profitably every moment of our school life while we have an opportunity. Everybody who has finished school and who has enlisted into the great army where war is the natural course of things tell us that he wishes he had a chance to do his school-work over. He realizes how many gaps he has left open; he feels that he could do better if he had another trial. Seriously, don't

you think that there is some truth in what all these men are saying? Let us get together then and pull with all our combined forces to make the best of it while we are here.

SCHOLARSHIP AND ATHLETICS

We read with a great deal of pleasure concerning the organization of a standing committee to keep watch over the scholastic standing of Pennsylvania's football players. We feel that this is a most important step in lessening the gap that has stood for years between the prowess of the men of the gridiron and their relative ability in the class room.

We recommend that the Athletic Council perfect a similar organization at Howard. Several times Howard has been deprived of some of her players on account of their class standing. Every year we hear the cry, and and not without reason that the American colleges cherish and overdo athletics to the detriment of the scholastic standing of the student body. The formation of the body would bring about a betterment of existing conditions that would answer these vital questions here, and, perhaps, elsewhere.

This committee would have under its surveillance, all the football men of the school. They

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should make a monthly report of each foot ball player's or perhaps take in all the sports, scholastic standing. This committee could make it understood that excellence in the class room is just as necessary in his services to the University as his presence on the gridiron, —C. H.G.

ATHLETICS ON THE DECLINE

Must Have Gymnasium

Howard has long maintained supremacy in the colored collegiate athletic world but she is fast losing her hold and the white and blue is beginning to totter. That she is growing weak is not the fault of her loyal sons because she possesses some of the "best ever"—men who will risk their lives to uphold the proud name of Howard—but it is because of the lack of facilities afforded for that training that is absolutely essential to development and form necessary to carry off first honors in the contests in which she enters. That she has no gymnasium cannot be charged to any particular person but it can be charged up against Howard and that means all she comprises.

The writer doesn't say that no interest is manifested in a gymnasium, nor does he say no effort has been expended but he does say enough attention is not given to it. If plans for a "gym" are in operation "higher up" the students do not know it and are justified in a strong, concentrated demand for one and should make this demand imperative until the building is assured. The students must do this as a body because one man is helpless against such a project. This article has no hostile design but is rather stimulated by the interest the writer has in athletics and his love for old Howard. No man who has one whit of loyalty in his bosom for this dear old spot will oppose this plea but will arouse himself from the long stupor that has enveloped him and will awake to the sense of his duty and join in this campaign, the sole aim of which, the great aim of which is to erect on our campus in the near future a building large enough to accommodate the fifteen hundred we boast of, if in no other way than in giving seating capacity.

SUPREMACY WEAKENS

We must awake! The writer is no prophet, but who needs divine inspiration after the overwhelming defeat of Saturday night when our two relay teams fell before the onslaught of our rivals to see there is a great and pressing need. It was not because we had no

material but who could train men in a blinding snow storm or on a soft track? The University does not maintain even an athletic room. Our facilities are inferior to those of the public schools. How long shall we inconvenience those boys by intruding upon their rights? Is the University satisfied to see her men thus buffed and cuffed about? Is that the returns she offers to her loyal sons who so nobly defend her? What about our girls—as faithful and true as ever dawned a college confined to their dormitory eight months? Unlike schools in the rural districts where the girls may reap the benefit of fresh air add large romping grounds, our school only offers them occasional walks around the reservoir in fair weather, while during the cold wintry months they must remain confined in their rooms. This is not unknown to the students but it is a fact we fail to consider seriously in making a sum total. Education embraces physical development as well as mental and moral. Will we forever turn a deaf ear to these stifled cries? Howard "expects ever man to do his duty" is the last word before a game! Why should not every man expect Howard to do her part? Obstacles encountered in developing track and baseball teams are tremendous. The snow is scarcely off the ground at the time of the spring track meet. Only last week men had to try out on a track between banks of snow. Late spring leaves the campus too soft for effective track or baseball work. These condition not only interfere with the work of the squads but prevents many from trying for the teams at all.

THE TASK DIFFICULT

This task seems at first overwhelming but it is commensurate with consistent effort. Mr. Karl Fulmer of Dartmouth says in the Intercollegiate Magazine: "The wonderful gymnasium there was built in the characteristic Dartmouth way—not by the munificence of any one patron, not by the donations of a few wealthy Alumni but by the combined gifts of about 30,000 Dartmouth men. The importance and value of this gymnasium to Dartmouth is scarcely to be estimated. It will be a rich boom to all its future students, will provide comfortably for the visiting teams and should give impulse to a new era in Dartmouth Athletics." We know we can't have a gym like Dartmouth's, nor have we asked for one but we do believe the right spirit and effort will give us one to meet the needs of Howard. Probably the "undergrads" are not broad enough but some of us feel that the Alumni have been neglectful. Occasional meetings and exchange of

greeting will not give results. Mr. Dwight Holmes, one of Howard's most loyal sons said in his annual oration before the Alumni Association. Their duty is (1) to perfect their organization to the end that every graduate be reached and made to feel that he is an integral and important part of the University corporation. (2) To kindle anew in the breast of every son and daughter of Howard that soul flame of fervent love and enthusiastic devotion that finds no task too hard, no sacrifice too great, if in the end be the glorification of Alma Mater. He further said, "It is probably in the field of athletic endeavor that the seeds of college spirit find most soul. Whose soul, upon your field, did not thrill with emotion last Thanksgiving day? The white hot flame branded "Howard" on every heart that felt its touch. Howard's athletes have for years fought nobly for her cause: in fact, I venture to say have contributed most largely to the creation of that vitalizing spirit of which I speak, and yet this all important branch of University life receives the least serious attention, if the provision of adequate facilities be taken as the criterion." Again he says, "And much in those days, fifteen years ago, did we long, and long did we cry, that we might have a gymnasium"—and Howard's athletes, and indeed the student body as a whole are crying just as bitterly to-day as we did then—and the ground is yet unbroken. Howard University Alumni! the call immediate and specific duty is here! The world judges worth by results—by things done. And if the Alumni Association means anything at all, it will speedily erect that gymnasium which it has pledged to the students of this institution, both present and future, and in so doing it will rear aloft an enduring monument to true zeal and furnish inspiration to student generations yet to be."

The writer heartily endorses every quoted word in this article and only wishes he had the power to make alumni and students feel as he feels however he shall talk gymnasium until it goes up. Since the Alumni undertook the erection of the building we are necessarily limited and subject to their orders in our assistance. But when such little progress is being made among three thousand alumni there is a screw loose somewhere. This only brings a continued hammering away until a gymnasium is on the grounds and not until then will the writer feel his task is finished.

—NAPS

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BASE BALL AT HOWARD

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until more favorable weather is promised. Quite a number of the veterans are back this year including Tyson, Ex-Captain Young, Barco, Allen, Turner and Hunt, but as most of these are Senior Medics and probably will not travel, the team will be made up, mainly, of new material. Kid Brice, the three-fingered slab artist of Annapolis, who has always been a hard problem with his famous swirl will be with us. Turner, the Southpaw varsity man of last year, and who also won 9 out of the 11 games he pitched up in the New England States last summer. Bullet Slaughter, the fleet-footed athlete from Iowa College, is showing great form on third and as a hitter. Also Avery, the mid-get third baseman, plays a hard and consistent game. Captain Oliver is out every afternoon and puts his men through a hard practice and is very well pleased at the early showing of his men. The manager, who has for the past four years been a varsity pitcher on account of increased responsibility placed upon him, most likely will not be seen in the games this season. Charles Jones, a second Hal Chase, from Atlanta University, is with us this year and is showing professional class on the initial sack. The only weakness seems to be behind the bat, although we have several well recommended back stops among us this year, including J. M. Hayes, Ed Gray, the heavy hitter, and Downing from Biddle University. Big Chief Chandler, who knocks the ball to the book house nearly every time he comes up with the willow, is out for first and second. Other candidates are Shaw, Cortlran, Whitfield, Geo. White, Scoup, Garvin, Flippen, McClellan and Givens. The first game of the season will be with Springfield Training School of Springfield, Mass., March 24th on Howard Campus.

This team plays Harvard, Exeter, Amherst, Pennsylvania State and other big college teams, so a fast game is expected. Our schedule will be out in a few days. The manager with the consent of the Athletic Council has arranged a southern trip for about two weeks which will be published later.

P. S. —Don't forget the big game on March 24th, 1911.

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PLAIN FACTS

"Taxation Without Representation is Tyranny."

There are in Howard University over 1200 students each one of whom pays yearly one dollar for the support of athletics. Men of the University include those skilled in the art and practice of many sports including football, baseball, basket ball, tennis, track and cricket. It follows that each of these branches of athletics should have an apportionment of the athletic tax for equipment, grounds, etc.

Heretofore, football and baseball have utilized all or nearly all athletic funds, allowing the others to thrive as best they might. The result has been that we have a good baseball and football field, a track built by the I. S. A. A., and no other grounds worth mentioning.

The cricket teams practice on the lower part of the baseball field where they as well as the fielders playing baseball are in danger of being struck by batted balls. The tennis courts covered with gravel of various sizes and surrounded by rickety old back-stops are an eyesore to the campus. The basket ball teams either practice in the open or begs permission of the M Street High School to play in its gymnasium. In spite of these things during the past football season we spent over \$150 in fitting our teams out and nearly \$325 in keeping up a training table for it in Miner Hall. We expended over \$175 in

bringing Tuskegee here for a game at which no admission was charged, nearly \$70 above the guarantee in taking the team to Shaw and \$50 in taking the University Band to Lincoln on Thanksgiving Day.

The Athletic Association and the Council have always held that the minor sports are always financial failures. A glance shows that the recent foot ball season closed with a deficiency of over \$600 and that the time when baseball was a paying proposition runneth far back in the memory of man. This year the basket ball manager has already returned to the Council above the amount which was advanced him for equipment at the beginning of the season.

The problem is not what we have done to better athletics but what we will do. It is a mistake not to make provision for a branch of athletics simply because we cannot see in gate receipts the result of money expended. It should be borne in mind that so long as we lack a gymnasium here, the fundamental aim of all athletics is physical development. No one will gainsay that the physical side of student life is as necessary as the intellectual and spiritual side—a sound mind in a sound body. Yet less than one third the men engage in the two major sports while many more are kept out of athletics by reason of the lack of proper provision for them.

First of all we need a gymnasium but until we get it let Howard University be as famous for the number of athletes it produces as for the excellence and superiority of its football and baseball teams. —C. P. Murphy.

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Messrs. William Pollard '11, Charles Humbert '11, George Hall '12, and James W. Jackson '11, as alternate, will defend the affirmative side for the Academy. Messrs. Fred Malone, John Freeman, and George E. Hayes will defend the negative side for M Street.

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